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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A dual-bearing reel onto which a harness for tying to an angler is attachable, said dual-bearing reel comprising:
 - a reel body;
 - a rod mount for being coupled to a fishing rod, said rod mount being attached to said reel body ~~and having a longitudinal axis that lies on a plane dividing said reel body into first and second sections;~~
 - a harness connector ~~including first and second harness clips~~ that removably and reattachably engages ~~engage~~ the harness, said harness connector being provided on a side of said reel body on which said rod mount is mounted ~~with said first and second harness clips being located on said first and second sections of said reel body,~~
 - respectively;
 - a spool rotatively carried in said reel body; and
 - a handle that cranks said spool.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously amended) The dual-bearing reel set forth in claim 1, wherein

said harness clips are installed on said reel body with a coupling member.
4. (Original) The dual-bearing reel set forth in claim 1, wherein

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said rod mount is removably and reattachably coupled to said reel body.

5. (Original) The dual-bearing reel set forth in claim 1, wherein said rod mount has a mounting pod for being coupled to the fishing rod.

6. (Original) The dual-bearing reel set forth in claim 1, wherein said rod mount is attachable to an upper side of said reel body, such that said reel is disposed below the fishing rod when said reel is coupled to the fishing rod.

7. (Original) The dual-bearing reel set forth in claim 5, wherein said mounting pod is a plate-shaped component whose surface is curved into a concavity such that said surface fits the fishing rod.

8. (Original) The dual-bearing reel set forth in claim 1, wherein said reel body has first and second side plates and top and bottom connectors connecting said two side plates, said first and second side plates being disposed at a spacing in a direction of a rotational axis of said spool, and

said rod mount is removably and reattachably coupled to said top connector.

9. (Original) The dual-bearing reel set forth in claim 5, wherein said rod mount further includes a leg portion joining said mounting pod and said reel body.

10. (Original) The dual-bearing reel set forth in claim 9, wherein said mounting pod is formed unitarily with said leg portion.

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11. (Original) The dual-bearing reel set forth in claim 9, wherein said leg portion includes a pair of pillar shaped members that extend vertically from said reel body.

12. (Previously amended) A dual-bearing reel onto which a harness for tying to an angler is attachable, said dual-bearing reel comprising:
a reel body having rod mount coupling portions on upper and lower sides of said reel body;
a rod mount for being coupled to a fishing rod, said rod mount being attached to said reel body;
a harness connector that removably and reattachably engages the harness, said harness connector being provided on a side of said reel body on which said rod mount is mounted;
a spool rotatively carried in said reel body; and
a handle that cranks said spool.

13. (Original) The dual-bearing reel set forth in claim 12, wherein said rod mount coupling portions are holes.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Original) The dual-bearing reel set forth in claim 1, further comprising
a drag lever for adjusting a drag force of said spool.

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16. (Currently amended) A dual-bearing reel onto which a harness for tying to an angler is attachable, said dual-bearing reel comprising:

a reel body;

rod mounting means attached to said reel body for coupling to a fishing rod;
~~said rod mounting means having a longitudinal axis that lies on a plane dividing said reel body into first and second sections;~~

harness connecting means including first and second harness clips for removably and reattachably engaging the harness, said harness connecting means being provided on a side of said reel body on which said rod mounting means is coupled ~~with said first and second harness clips being located on said first and second sections of said reel body, respectively;~~

a spool rotatively carried in said reel body; and

a handle that cranks said spool.

17. (Original) The dual-bearing reel set forth in claim 16, wherein said rod mounting means is adapted to be coupled to the fishing rod from below such that said reel is disposed below the fishing rod.

18. (Original) The dual-bearing reel set forth in claim 16, wherein said reel body has rod mount coupling means for coupling said rod mounting means to said reel body removably and reattachably.

19. (Cancelled)

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20. (Previously amended) The dual-bearing reel set forth in claim 16,
further comprising
drag lever means for adjusting a drag force of said spool.

21. (Currently Amended) The dual-bearing reel set forth in claim 1,
wherein
said harness connector has first and second harness clips that removably and
reattachably engage the harness.

said first and second harness clips are coupled to said reel body, said first and
second harness clips have first and second inner surfaces, respectively, and a first
transverse width that extends between said first and second inner surfaces;

said rod mount has a second maximum transverse width that is measured
substantially perpendicular to ~~said~~ a longitudinal axis of said rod mount; and

said reel body has a one-piece reel frame and separate first and second side
covers coupled to said one-piece reel frame, said first and second side covers have
third and fourth inner surfaces and a third transverse width that extends between said
third and fourth inner surfaces, said first transverse width is greater than said second
maximum transverse width and less than said third transverse width.

22. (Currently Amended) The dual-bearing reel set forth in claim 16,
wherein
said harness connector has first and second harness clips that removably and
reattachably engage the harness.

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said first and second harness clips are coupled to said reel body, said first and second harness clips have first and second inner surfaces, respectively, and a first transverse width that extends between said first and second inner surfaces;

said rod mounting means has a second maximum transverse width that is measured substantially perpendicular to said a longitudinal axis of said rod mounting means; and

said reel body has a one-piece reel frame and separate first and second side covers coupled to said one-piece reel frame, said first and second side covers have third and fourth inner surfaces and a third transverse width that extends between said third and fourth inner surfaces, said first transverse width is greater than said second maximum transverse width and less than said third transverse width.